(vi) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has also undertaken works of rain water harvesting in its own buildings.

Pending irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu

3783. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pending irrigation projects in Tamil Nadu which needs Central assistance;

(b) the reasons for the delay in implementation of these projects;

(c) the details of the steps taken for speedy implementation of these projects; and

(d) whether any enhancement in the cost of the projects has been made and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) Irrigation being a State subject the responsibility for planning, investigating, funding including prioritization, executing, operating and maintaining irrigation, flood control and drainage projects rests primarily with the State Governments themselves. The Union Government has formulated Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for approved projects in advanced stage of construction and it is for the State Government to propose suitable projects for assistance under this programme. The Tamil Nadu Water Resources Consolidation Projects is receiving external assistance from World Bank. In 1996-97, Central Loan Assistance (CLA) amounting to Rs. 20 crores under AIBP was also released to this project.